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1. Information filtering through from ex-Polish territories, now USSR, shows that there is no personal freedom for any individual, and especially none for those Poles who remained there. In March 1947 a severe decree stopped all travel between one community and another without a special permit. The Poles who in spite of everything wish to remain there must accept USSR citizenship. According to information coming from Nowosiolki county of Radziki, Lwow province, the Poles who had become Soviet citizens and had gone to Church where the priest Shruszca was saying Mass on March 4, 1947, were all burned alive in Church. For the moment there are no details as to whether this was done by the Soviet or by Ukrainian bands.
2. In ex-Polish southern territories now belonging to the USSR Ukrainian partisans are active against the Soviet authorities. In the night 22-23 March 1947, Ukrainian partisans burned two Red army depots in Grodek Jagielonski.

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